

**CHAPTER NO. 79**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1783**

**By Haynes**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1731**

**By Garrett, Patton, Bowers, Brenda Turner, Cooper, Maddox, Gresham**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 3 and Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to custodial rights and grandparent visitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-306(a), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "to a court of competent jurisdiction," and by substituting instead the following:

to the circuit or chancery court of the county in which the petitioned child currently resides,

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 21, 2003**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR